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Awards Four Summer Bursaries

NEWS RELEASE

Ottawa, July 7, 2008 – The Canadian Association of Second Language Teachers (CASLT) is pleased to announce the recipients of its first Special Teacher Bursary Initiative: Amira Younis of Oakville, Ontario, Christine Mink of Owen Sound, Ontario, Roxanna Smycniuk of Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, and Maria Carmen Romero of Toronto, Ontario. The bursaries are part of a special initiative undertaken by the Association to increase accessibility for teachers requiring financial assistance to participate in quality professional development opportunities focused on expanding their linguistic skills and cultural knowledge. This year's winners received bursaries of $800 each to attend the University of Ottawa's Summer University for French as a Second Language Teachers taking place in July 2008.

"Teachers require support through professional development, information sharing and opportunities to enrich their language proficiency and cultural competency. CASLT is committed to finding creative ways of helping teachers enhance their second language teaching practice. We are pleased to work in partnership with the University of Ottawa and to award special bursaries this year to support the participation of our members in this important event", says CASLT President John Erskine.

A select number of CASLT summer bursaries will be granted each year to language teacher members having indicated their interest and need. Applicants must have their school principal's endorsement and be registered to attend a conference, symposium, or other similar event enhancing second language teaching practice and increasing linguistic and cultural skills. Eligible events are identified by the CASLT Board of Directors annually. Bursary recipients are chosen on a lottery basis.

Established in 1970, the Canadian Association of Second Language Teachers (CASLT) increases awareness, appreciation, and understanding of the importance of second language learning and teaching throughout Canada and promotes the advancement of professional excellence among language educators. See www.caslt.org for more information.

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